

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, FORESTRY, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

327 House Office Building

Thursday 8:30 A.M.

February 24, 2005

Representative Tom Casperson, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Casperson requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

Representative Gillard moved, supported by **Representative Sheltroun**, to approve the minutes of the **February 17, 2005** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair proceeded with the business of the committee by introducing **Brad Deacon, Legislative Liaison**, for the **Michigan Department of Agriculture**.

Mr. Deacon introduced **Ms. Vicki Pontz**, Director of the **Michigan Department of Agriculture, Environmental Stewardship Division**.

Mr. Deacon and Ms. Pontz gave an overview of the **Department of Agriculture***. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair proceeded with the introduction of **Rob Anderson**, Legislative Counsel for the **Michigan Farm Bureau**.

Mr. Anderson gave an overview of the **Michigan Farm Bureau** organization and a brief outline of the organization's **Farm Policy**. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **10:10 a.m.**

Representative Tom Casperson, Chair

Dave Mead
Committee Clerk
February 24, 2005
1 hour 40 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicated printed material attached to original minutes.